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REMARKS

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SOURCE

1. On 9 February 1953, at least 1,300 troops fell in in the east section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne in Weimar. Source expressed the belief that the troops belonged to the motor transport unit quartered there.¹ On 13 February, an undetermined number of soldiers and trucks, including [redacted] and four small guns, apparently AT guns, were entrained at the Weimar freight station.² On 14 February, a troop train loaded with trucks and troops was seen en route from Weimar toward Jena. The troops had come from the Tannenberg Kaserne. Three tanks [redacted] and 242 came from the direction of Ettersberg and proceeded toward Jena.

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2. At about 9 a.m., on 21 February, about 200 soldiers were engaged in a signal exercise in the area of Webicht near Weimar. Numerous lines ran in various directions through the Webicht area. Three large and many 2 to 4-man tents, which were well camouflaged, were pitched in the brushwood. At about 4 p.m., a signal light began to operate at Schloss Tiefurt (castle). At 7:40 p.m., soldiers were no longer observed in the training area. At 7:45 p.m., soldiers were observed unloading poles from a truck in the Nachrichten Kaserne. Signal equipment was seen in front of the sheds.⁴

3. Prior to 21 February, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Nohra was occupied by about 1,400 troops, 80 percent of which were administrative and cadre personnel and 20 percent were exchanged at intervals. Source did not observe any training activity. The employees who had been working there, with a few exceptions, had been dismissed. Special work, in the future, was to be done by skilled workers furnished by the Kech office. Motor vehicles [redacted]

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[redacted] plied by about 25 officers including 5 women, were seen en route to the installation. On 21 February, sedans [redacted] each occupied by a general and two officers, drove up to the Weimarhalle, which the officers entered. The sedans had come from the direction of Ettersberg. A short time later, they were followed by sedans [redacted] each occupied by 4 officers and including one VP officer.²

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1. Comment. The Luetzendorf Kaserne in Weimar is carried occupied by elements of the 13th AAA Div and the 20th Gds Mecz Div, a signal unit, stationed in the central section, and a hospital, stationed in the west section. There are no indications for the presence there

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